

Gray, Harry A.  
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Roxbury, Mass. Mar. 6th. 1914.

Mr. Howland Wood.

Friend Wood. I am sending you for information, two counterstamps which I picked up recently. I am not sure they are coins, but rather then take any chances of anything good getting by, I shall ask your assistance. And if possible, will you procure for me one of the Catalogues of the recent Exhibition of the N.Y. Num. Soc'y. Which you compiled. I would rather pay for one then to miss having one as I am interested in encased Stamps. I hear you were in Boston last week. I was in Mr. Moreys, shortly after you left and bought the one Real piece, counterstamped "G.R.", for Jamaica, which you left. I should like to have seen you, as I have very kindly thoughts of the way you helped and encouraged me when first entering the Numismatic field. I have been specializing lately, and have what I believe to be the best collection of Mass. Medals, Tokens, Store Cards and Paper Money in existence. Hope you are prospering, in all ways. Thanks in advance for the assistance of which I feel sure.

Yours sincerely,

*Harry A. Gray*

No. 1 Regent Square, Roxbury, Mass.

April 7, 1914.

Mr. H. A. Gray

1 Regent Sq.

Roxbury, Mass.

My dear Gray:-

I am very glad to hear from you. Of the two pieces you sent on, one is a money weight. That is the square brass one. I should say it was English, of one of the Henrys, probably Henry VI., as the arms and the type of the King in the ship, is purely English. The other piece, I cannot make out at all. It could be a money weight, a counter, or a token. I have seen lots of pieces very similar to it, used in Mexico by the Haciendas. I will see that a catalogue is mailed to you to-day.

I was only in Boston a couple of days, and was working most of the time on the Journal. I would have enjoyed seeing you at Morey's, and trust I will run into you sometime when in Boston. I am interested in what you say about your collection of Massachusetts medals, store-cards, and paper money. It is a pretty good subject, and I hope you will keep on working at it. If you have any card board or script pieces in your collection, issued by Sutlers of Massachusetts regiments, I wish you would send me a list, as I am preparing a list of these for publication. I have the following:- Henry O. Clark, Sutler 25th Massachusetts Volunteer. The script piece is about 4 1/4 by 2 1/4. Three denominations of H. P. Sheldon, 14th Massachusetts Regiment, Heavy Artillery, with values of \$.25, \$.50 and \$1.00.

Trusting you may have something I do not know about, for my description of these, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Roxbury, Mass., Apr. 10th, 1914.

Mr. Howland Wood.

Friend Wood. I have the set of Paper of the 14th. Mass. Heavy Artillery, which you mention, but no others. In fact I do not know of any others. If you know of others, will you please inform me what they are, and if you run across any duplicates at any time will you buy them ~~and send them to me?~~ and send them to me?

I have a duplicate in the Medal enclosed, which I should like the Am. Num. Soc. to accept, with my compliments. I am sending you a rubbing of a Washington, which I have never met with before.

It is struck in German Silver, and has a milled edge. the obverse and reverse are alike. We already have the double head Washington Cent, why may not this be fairly called the double head Dollar?

The size is right, and the fact that it has a milled edge, make a strong argument in its favor.

The bust's are undraped, and face right.

The border has a circle of 38 stars. the inscription, "GEORGE WASHINGTON", has a small star preceding and following it. the rest of the inscription, reads, "BORN 22. FEBR. 1732 DIED 14. DEC. 1799".

Thanks for the Catalogue, and congratulations on it as a numismatic work.

Yours sincerely,

*Harry. Alway*

No. 1 Regent St. Roxbury, Mass.



April 11, 1914.

Mr. Harry A. Gray  
1 Regent Square,  
Roxbury, Mass.

My dear Gray:-

Your two letters at hand, and many thanks for the same, and also for the medal of the Ladies Kennel Association of Massachusetts. An official acknowledgement will be sent later.

The page of Sutlers checks which you sent, I will return later as I want to check these up first. The only pieces of Sutlers' script that I have a record of, pertaining to Mass. are as follows:- Henry Q. Clark 25th Mass. Vol. Newbern, 1862 5 cents, and H. R. Sheldon 14th Mass. Regiment, which you have. The denominations are 25, 50, and \$1.00. I certainly will let you know if I come across any others.

I am much interested in the Washington piece which you sent rubbings of. It is new to me. I have never gone into Washingtons, so cannot tell you how rare it is. It is not in our collection here, which is a very extensive Washington collection. I would hardly call it a dollar because in order to call it that it would have to be intended for such, either a regular coin or a pattern. The size is simply a coincidence. The reeding on the edge, although not common in medals, nevertheless is used on the same. The double head cent was used for a cent, so it has a right to the name.

Thanking you again, I remain,  
Very truly yours,

July 11th, 1916.

Mr. Harry A. Gray,  
41 Rockland Street,  
Roxbury, Mass.

Dear Friend Gray:-

Your favor at hand, and I know nothing about Perkins or his stereotype bank notes except he made a great many of these for different New England Banks.

George H. Blake, 12 Highland Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, was telling me something about these some time ago, and I should judge he knew more or less about them. You might write him. He is the only man that I can think of.

Yours very truly,